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Hospitals to get facelifts

\$7M. Halifax Infirmary, Dartmouth General given provincial boost

Residents are a step closer to seeing two HRM hospitals updated after the province announced \$7 million in design work will go towards renovations and new surgical towers.

On Wednesday, Premier Stephen McNeil announced the province has committed \$5.25 million for designs of a new fifth floor and surgical space for Dartmouth General Hospital, as well as renovations and an operating tower at the QEII's Halifax Infirmary site.

The QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation and Dartmouth General Hospital Charitable Foundation will pick up the remaining \$1.75 million.

"People want to know they can be cared for in a modern hospital that has the services they need," said Health Minister Leo Glavine during the event in Dartmouth.

Glavine said renovations

for the third and fourth floors of Dartmouth hospital are set to begin this fall, and include new utility rooms for laundry and bedpans, improved hand-washing stations, shower rooms and more nurse facilities.

He said the expansion to Dartmouth General's fifth floor adds 50 more beds, space for dialysis services, and eight operating rooms in the surgical tower.

Patients and beds will also be moved out of the Centennial Building into Dartmouth General and other QEII sites, said Glavine.

Glavine said he's not sure exactly when work could begin at the Halifax Infirmary, but said it likely won't start for another two years.

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Cash injection

"This could be the biggest health-facility project for the next 50, 60 years."

Health Minister Leo Glavine



WELCOME TO THE FLEET, CHRIS

Balloons are released during the official unveiling ceremony of Metro Transit's new ferry, the Christopher Stannix, on Wednesday next to the Halifax Ferry Terminal. The new ferry is the first for the Metro Transit fleet in more than 25 years. Full story, page 6. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Witness testifies

Court hears from alleged victim's friend

The friend of a woman allegedly drugged and sexually assault three years ago by a Halifax-based lawyer testified Wednesday afternoon in front of a 13-member jury at the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

The witness — the fifth to take the stand since testimony began more than a week ago — said she had been with the complainant earlier on the day of the alleged incident.

According to the friend, the complainant made light of the situation the morning afterwards via text message, but her demeanour changed markedly in the days following.

"She started realizing what may have happened," said the witness. "The joking and stuff stopped."

Her other statements mostly confirmed testimony made by the complainant and the complainant's roommate earlier in the week.

The court also heard from a security guard who worked at the mall where the accused's — Lyle Howe — law firm was located at the time.

The guard reported letting Howe and two others — a man and a woman — into the building after hours on the night of the alleged assault.

"They seemed fine, just happy," said the guard. "All three were laughing and carrying on."

Court will resume Thursday morning, when the Crown expects to call to the stand another friend of the accused.

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Lyle Howe enters Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Monday. The judge presiding over the sexual assault trial involving Howe gave the Crown permission Wednesday to cross-examine its own witness. PATRICK MCKENNA/FOR METRO

Crown gets the go ahead to cross-examine own witness

Trial. Lyle Howe case: 'More pointed questions' come at friend of accused



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The judge presiding over a sexual assault trial involving a Halifax-based lawyer gave the Crown permission Wednesday to cross-examine its own witness, a move the Crown described as "not usual."

Crown attorney Darcy MacPherson proceeded to question 31-year-old Jeffery Brown — longtime friend of the accused — over several contradictions between his current testimony and statements he made to police fol-

lowing the alleged assault.

"The jury's going to have to decide what parts of Brown's evidence they will accept, if any," said MacPherson.

"Cross-examination just allows me to ask more pointed questions."

Halifax defence lawyer Lyle Howe has pleaded not guilty to sexual assault and issuing a stupefying agent involving a then-19-year-old woman on March 20, 2011.

The complainant — now 22 — testified she awoke the morning after the alleged incident naked and disoriented on her roommate's floor, with condoms strewn about the apartment and feeling sore in her vagina and anus.

Howe's friend Jeff Brown was present the night of the alleged assault. He also pleaded guilty and was sen-

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"I don't know who she thought she was on a date with."

Jeff Brown, friend of accused Lyle Howe

tenced last year to theft under \$5,000 after stealing \$200 from the complainant's bedroom that same night.

According to Brown's original statement, he, Howe and the complainant entered the alleged victim's bedroom, which was when he first saw the money on her desk.

He later denied the three were ever in the bedroom at the same time, saying he entered the room for the first time after Howe had left the apartment.

Brown also appeared to waffle when answering

whether the complainant thought she was on a date with him or with Howe, and whether the meeting was "just for drinks" or for a "hookup."

When pressed about the discrepancies in his testimony, Brown said "I was scared and I was confused," referring to the police interrogation.

"This wasn't a half hour meeting with the police," added defence attorney Mike Taylor.

"This was a 10-hour interrogation under stressful circumstances."

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What the city said, and what the city did

St. Pat's-Alexandra.

Legal fight between developer, community groups hits appeals court



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The lawyer representing a developer who was originally awarded the St. Patrick's-Alexandra school site says that although HRM didn't follow its written rules, it followed the same procedure that was used to sell surplus property from 2000 onwards.

"The legitimate expectation arises from the practice that the city followed consistently ... not only in the current situation, but in every other situation prior to," argued attorney Mick Ryan in the Nova Scotia Court of

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"If you break the law 15 times ... and they get you on the 16th, 'Well, I broke it 15 times, I should be okay?' No, no, no. The law is the law."

Joel Pink, representing the community groups, on the municipality breaching the important legal principle of legitimate expectation by not following its written policy

Appeal Wednesday morning.

Developer Joe Metlege of Jono Developments is appealing a September 2012 ruling by Justice David MacAdam that overturned the city's decision in principle to sell the Brunswick Street property to Metlege.

Three north-end community groups launched the court challenge, arguing HRM had not followed a policy established in 2000 that gave non-profit organizations the first chance to bid on surplus municipal property.

The groups also argued the city had sold the prop-

erty to Metlege below market value, which is not permitted under the city's charter.

Ryan argued Wednesday that although the city had never once followed the 2000 policy for disposing of surplus property, it had been otherwise consistent in the sale of 16 schools prior to St. Pat's-Alexandra.

"If indeed there is a duty of fairness ... then it is fully satisfied by not necessarily following procedure, but by all of the other actions taken," he said.

Joel Pink, representing the community groups,

argued the municipality breached the important legal principle of legitimate expectation by not following its written policy — regardless of how consistently it had acted in the prior surplus school sales.

Pink, who faced several questions from the justices during his submission, said a troubling precedent could be set by the appellate court's decision.

"If we lose the legitimate expectation issue, that's a very difficult situation for all the citizens," he said. "When council is not bound by its word any more, that's a problem for me."

Estimate on ruling

Lawyer Joel Pink estimates a ruling won't be released until September.



Developer Joe Metlege is shown in this file photo from last year.

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Premier concerned over charges against staffer

Premier Stephen McNeil said he "obviously" has concerns about the news his director of communications is now facing criminal charges but will let the court process follow through.

On Tuesday evening, the premier's office said in a release Kyle Harris has been placed on administrative leave with pay "after charges for a domestic matter."

McNeil told reporters Wednesday that he only learned of the incident when Harris called to tell him about it around 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Halifax Regional Police confirmed in a release officers responded to reports of an assault around 8 p.m. last Friday at a Halifax home. They say a



Stephen McNeil JEFF HARPER/METRO

34-year-old Halifax man was soon arrested at another residence and charged with assault.

He was released on a promise to appear in court on June 18, police said.

McNeil said his office put out a release on the charges because "we didn't want people to feel we weren't being up front about it."

"We've taken action and now it's before the courts," the premier said.

McNeil said he does not know all the details of the alleged incident, but that it was a serious enough issue for Harris to leave until "the court proceedings are behind him."

The premier said Harris' future employment with his office will be discussed after his case has finished.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

North-end

Two charged after ammunition, drugs seized

Two people are facing charges after police executed a search warrant at a home in north-end Halifax on

Tuesday night.

The search on Olympic Court turned up a small quantity of ammunition, crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia, according to police.

A 35-year-old man and a 26-year-old woman were arrested at the scene.

The two are both

charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

The man is also facing one count of breach of a firearm and ammunition probation order.

Both have been released from police custody and are due in court at a later date. **METRO**

'Ambassadors for our community'

Action project. Large crowd attends anti-homophobia rally in Halifax

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A gathering of nearly 200 people huddled around Victoria Park on Spring Garden Road in Halifax on Wednesday evening, with many smiling, shaking hands or embracing one another with hugs, as part of a rally organized by the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project.

The not-for-profit group, which serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) population in Nova Scotia, was celebrating the upcoming International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

The message was clear from special guest speaker Scott Jones on the chilly evening in Halifax.

He says the only way to change these phobias is to talk about it frequently and openly.

"They're just walls and you can bring them down much easier than the walls of a house," he said, adding that it needs to be a tireless effort.

"We stick together at these rallies, but when we leave we need to be individual ambassadors for our community."

Speaking up against fear

"They're just walls and you can bring them down much easier than the walls of a house."

Scott Jones, special guest speaker at the rally, and co-founder of the "Don't Be Afraid" campaign.

Jones, who is openly gay, was brutally stabbed in the back twice and had his throat slashed last October in New Glasgow, in some believe was a hate crime. He is now a paraplegic, but also

has a new outlook on life.

Jones and his friends have since started the "Don't Be Afraid" campaign because he says he wanted to turn this negative situation into an opportunity to examine and relinquish the fears that surround intolerance.

The rainbow-painted signs for the campaign have been sprouting up all over the globe and have seen promotion from such celebrities as the Backstreet Boys and Rick Mercer.

Money raised will go directly to setting up educational and awareness programs in Atlantic Canada.

Jones says coming from a small town he had preconceived judgements about his own community, but after holding an awareness event, the people of New Glasgow surprised him.

"I really thought the campaign would not be well received there because we don't talk about it (homosexuality), but it was the complete opposite, everyone was engaging in conversation and left feeling inspired."



Scott Jones surrounded by family, friends and members of the community at an anti-homophobia and transphobia rally Wednesday evening in Victoria Park in Halifax. PATRICK MCKENNA/METRO

Man allegedly forced to rob home, business

Three teens from Lower Sackville are facing a slew of charges including kidnapping after police say a 19-year-old man was forced into a vehicle and then ordered to break into a home, and later a business.

On Monday afternoon, Lower Sackville RCMP say they were called to a break and enter in progress at a home on Sackville Drive. When officers arrived on scene, they were told by a witness no one was able to get into the home and a vehicle had just left.

At 6 p.m., Windsor RCMP contacted the Lower Sackville detachment to say they had a man in custody in relation to

the attempted break and enter.

According to police, earlier that day, a 19-year-old man had been allegedly forced into a vehicle by three men and then ordered to break into the home on Sackville Drive.

Police say the men were threatening to hurt the victim if he didn't cooperate, but the break and enter attempt was foiled by a witness who saw what was going on.

The group drove to Windsor, and according to police, the suspects got the victim to agree to rob a store. When he went inside, police say the victim told a clerk to call police as he had been coerced into committing a crime.

Charges

Brandon Charles Murphy, 18, Nicholas Tyler White, 19, and Brandon Lee Burneau, 19, each face charges of kidnapping, robbery, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and breaking and entering.

ting a crime.

After an investigation, police have now arrested and charged three men from Lower Sackville. Police say the victim isn't being charged and this wasn't a random act. METRO

Shotgun blasts blow out windows at Honda shop

A store owner in Digby County says he'll be installing surveillance cameras by week's end after his Honda shop was the target of a drive-by shooting.

Daniel Comeau, owner and operator of the the Honda

dealership in Comeauville, said he was not aware of anything out of the ordinary until he arrived to open the shop just before 8 a.m. Wednesday.

A neighbour called Comeau and told him they were awake

when they heard the shotgun go off and noted the time was 3:03 a.m.

Comeau called the RCMP who took photos and the shells and are investigating the incident. DIGBY COURIER/METRO

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Members of Christopher Stannix's former unit, The Princess Louise Fusiliers, tour the new ferry vessel on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'From the bottom of our hearts, thank you'

Christopher Stannix.
New ferry launched in name of fallen soldier, victim's family on hand



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As dozens of balloons floated into a bright blue sky from the deck of Halifax's newest ferry Wednesday morning, people on the waterfront shaded their eyes to watch them go.

Nearly 100 people gathered beside the Halifax Ferry Terminal to launch the "Christopher Stannix," and honour the memory of Master Cpl. Christopher Stannix, who was killed in Afghanistan,

and for whom the ferry is named.

"Beautiful weather. Thank you, Chris," his father, Ken, told the crowd with a nod towards the sky.

Stannix, 24, was a graduate of Auburn Drive High School, member of the Princess Louise Fusiliers army unit, and attended Saint Mary's University. Stannix was killed in 2007 when his car hit a roadside bomb.

HRM residents chose his name through a voting contest. Stannix was submitted 91 times, and 8,000 people voted for him alongside options like Chebucto and Vincent Coleman.

"From the bottom of our hearts, thank you," Stannix's father said with a hand on his chest, his voice breaking.

While Ken said his son was a responsible, down-to-earth guy, he smiled as he remembered how often Chris was late.

"Now that his name is on this ferry, it's nice to know that he'll be running at the right schedule," he said.

Ken said his son would've been "extremely pleased and humbled" at the dedication,

but would want people who ride the ferry to remember all those who died in Afghanistan.

Stannix's parents and his wife, Candice Ziolkowski, also unveiled a copy of the ferry's plaque with their son's image and story that will be bronzed and placed inside.

"Your heart is full of emotion and it's hard to define a word to describe it all," said Chris' mother, Kate.

Lt-Col. John MacDonald

of the Princess Louise Fusiliers said the unit's wish was that "if pain shared is pain divided," the thousands who voted for Stannix and ride the ferry serves in a small way to lessen the grief of his family's loss.

"On behalf of the regiment, we will remember him," said MacDonald.

Eddie Robar of Metro Transit said this is the first ferry built since 1984, and will help provide all-day service from Woodside to Halifax.



Christopher's parents, Kate and Ken Stannix, mount the official plaque of their son onboard the new ferry. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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"For the people of HRM to honour Chris in such a fashion is just overwhelming."

Ken Stannix

Fundraising campaign for new local library hits ground running

Halifax Central Library. Community can take part in 'Share the Wow!' fundraiser



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The Halifax Central Library's capital campaign has only just begun, but it's already two-thirds of the way to its final fundraising goal.

Members of Halifax Public Libraries hosted an event at the Westin Nova Scotian Wednesday to officially launch the "Share the Wow!" campaign, which has already raked in \$4.3 million of \$6.1 million target.

"The library is so amazing. It's going to touch so many facets of our lives," said Marjorie Lindsay, whose name will grace the children's program room in recognition of her



The new Central Halifax Library is shown under construction. JEFF HARPER/METRO

\$500,000 donation.

Most of the money will be used for special finishes, technology and furnishings, but \$1 million will be used to add new

books, DVDs, CDs and digital collections to the library.

"We need the collections to be as expansive and complete as possible, for the child who

wants to take home a copy of Good Night Moon, or the senior seeking literature on living a healthier lifestyle," said campaign co-chair Candace

Thompson.

Halifax Regional Library Board chair Paul Bennett said the Share the Wow! title is a nod to both the new library's

Online

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eye-catching design and state-of-the-art facilities.

"Most people going to libraries these days are looking for things other than books," he said. "Our library ... combines the best of both worlds. The best of books and the best and the latest in technology."

The capital campaign will include a community component that will reward every \$25 donation with a book plate that the donor can individualize and then affix in a favourite book when the library opens.

"The public was very active in the collaboration to design this library, and this is really a chance to do that little thing to help us get to that \$6.4 million," said Gordon Stevens, who leads the community campaign.

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Children under 18 can now travel for free on Yarmouth ferry

Nova Star Cruises has adjusted some of its rates and is offering reduced fares for the upcoming sailing season, which gets underway later this week.

The company is advertising what it now calls "family-friendly fares." On its website, Nova Star Cruises says children under the age of 18 will travel for free on the Nova Star.

The company says for a round trip for a family of four, this will result in a savings of up to \$250 US. Previously, the one-way rate for a child aged five to 12 was \$39, increasing to \$64 during the peak summer season.

The company is also offering a 20 per cent discount on fares if people book their trips by June 15.

On the company's website, it says this discount is in addition to the existing 10 per cent discounts offered with the 22-hour Round-Trip Cruise and the Sail and Drive

Arrival

The Nova Star was christened in Boston on Monday. The ferry leaves Portland on Thursday evening on its first crossing of the season, arriving in Yarmouth on Friday at 8 a.m.

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The discount applies to any sail date in all seasons (saver, shoulder and summer) but the offer expires at midnight on June 15.

Passengers who have already booked a cruise will be refunded the difference.

Since the Nova Star published its rates there have been many concerns expressed on social media about the fares, with many people saying they find them expensive and they can't afford to book a trip on the boat.

YARMOUTH VANGUARD



Spring has sprung at Neptune

The stars of Neptune's newest play, *Spring Awakening*, stage a musical performance in the Scotiabank Studio Theatre Wednesday afternoon. *Spring Awakening* opens Thursday to a sold-out crowd and runs through Sunday. PATRICK MCKENNA/FOR METRO

Digby airport

Faulty meter gives away fuel

Some customers who bought aviation fuel at the Digby Annapolis Regional Airport in late April received

a little more than they paid for.

A pilot first brought the problem to the attention of airport staff on April 21 when he noticed the pump had given him more fuel than the meter indicated.

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Recent fatal mine disasters

2013

Eighty-three workers are buried by a massive landslide at a gold mining site in Tibet.

2012

At least 60 people dead after a landslide at a gold mine in a remote corner of northeast Congo.

2011

Fifty-two people are feared dead in southwestern Pakistan after a gas explosion deep in a coal mine.

2007

At least 90 are killed in post-Soviet Ukraine's worst mining disaster in a coal mine near the eastern city of Donetsk.

2006

65 coal miners are killed from a gas explosion in San Juan de Sabinas, in northern Mexico's Coahuila state.

2005

214 miners die after an explosion deep in a coal shaft in southwestern China.

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Turkey counts its dead

Soma, Turkey. Hope dwindling in search for survivors of coal mine catastrophe

Anger and grief boiled over into a violent protest Wednesday in the western Turkish town of Soma, where officials said at least 245 miners died in a coal mine explosion and fire.

Nearly 450 other miners were rescued, the mining company said, but the fate of an unknown number of others remained unclear in one of the world's deadliest mining disasters in decades.

Tensions were high as hundreds of relatives and miners jostled outside the coal mine waiting for news, countered by a heavy police presence. Rows of women wailed uncontrollably, men knelt sobbing and others just stared in disbelief as rescue workers removed a steady stream of bodies throughout the night and early morning. Others shouted at Turkish officials as they passed

by.

In downtown Soma, protesters mostly in their teens and 20s faced off against riot police Wednesday afternoon in front of the ruling NKP party headquarters. Police had gas masks and water cannons.

Authorities say the disaster followed an explosion and fire caused by a power distribution unit and the deaths were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan promised the tragedy would be investigated to its "smallest detail" and that "no negligence will be ignored."

Erdogan discussed rescue operations with authorities, walked near the entrance of the mine and comforted two crying women. He has appeared less-than-sympathetic in the past, however, saying that death was part of the "profession's fate" after 30 miners died in a 2010 accident.

Mining accidents are common in Turkey, which is plagued by poor safety conditions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Rows of open graves for the mine accident victims are seen in Soma, Turkey, Wednesday. At least two hundred coal miners were killed after a mine explosion. Violent protests have erupted in several Turkish cities, targeting the mine's owners and the national government. In Soma rocks were being thrown and some people were shouting that Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan was a "Murderer!" and a "Thief!" **ASSOCIATED PRESS/DEPO PHOTOS**

Washington

WikiLeaker may receive gender hormone therapy

In an unprecedented move, the Pentagon is trying to transfer convicted national security leaker Pvt. Chelsea Manning to a civilian prison so she can get treatment for her gender disorder, defence officials said.

Manning, formerly named Bradley, was convicted of sending classified documents to anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks. The soldier has asked for hormone therapy and to be able to live as a woman.

Transgender people are not allowed to serve in the U.S. military and the Defence Department does not provide such treatment, but Manning can't be discharged from the service while serving her 35-year prison sentence.

The former intelligence analyst was sentenced in August for six Espionage Act violations and 14 other offences.

After the conviction, Manning announced the desire to live as a woman and to be called Chelsea. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Psych test delays murder trial. Pistorius defence implies mental illness

Oscar Pistorius was ordered by a judge on Wednesday to undergo psychiatric tests, meaning that the double-amputee athlete's murder trial will be interrupted, possibly for two months.

The decision by Judge Thokozile Masipa followed a request for a psychiatric evaluation by the chief prosecutor, Gerrie Nel. The prosecutor had said he had no option but to ask for it after an expert witness for the defence testified that Pistorius had an anxiety disorder since childhood that may

have influenced his judgment when he fatally shot his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

He could be acquitted if it's found that he was not criminally responsible for Steenkamp's shooting because of a mental illness. The judge said it was important to assess his state of mind because of questions raised by the prosecution that Pistorius might argue he was not criminally responsible for the shooting because of his anxiety disorder. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Oscar Pistorius leaves court in Pretoria, South Africa.

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Ukraine launches peace talks – sans foes

Insurgents left out.
‘Ready for a dialogue,’
says president, but not
with pro-Russia gunmen

Ukraine’s government launched talks Wednesday on decentralizing power as part of a European-backed peace plan but didn’t invite its main foes,

the pro-Russia insurgents who have declared independence in the east.

That deliberate oversight left it unclear whether the negotiations might help cool the tensions in the east.

In his opening remarks, acting President Oleksandr Turchynov said authorities were “ready for a dialogue” but insisted they will not talk to the pro-Russia gunmen who have

seized buildings and fought government troops across eastern Ukraine.

“Let’s have a dialogue, let’s discuss specific proposals,” Turchynov said. “But those armed people who are trying to wage a war on their own country, those who are with arms in their hands trying to dictate their will, or rather the will of another country, we will use legal procedures against them

and they will face justice.”

Insurgents in the east shrugged off the round-table talks as meaningless.

“We haven’t received any offers to join a round table and dialogue,” Denis Pushilin, an insurgent leader in Donetsk, said. “If the authorities in Kyiv want a dialogue, they must come here. If we go to Kyiv, they will arrest us.”

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A Ukrainian miner at the Kalinin mine in Horiivka, Wednesday. The Ukrainian government launched peace talks Wednesday. EVGENIY MALOLETKA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Miracle baby.’ Toddler that fell 11 storeys critical, but expected to survive

A young boy dubbed “the miracle baby” remained in critical condition but was expected to survive after falling 11 storeys from a highrise in Minneapolis, Minn.

Fifteen-month-old Musa Dayib suffered a broken spine and ribs as well as a concussion and a punctured lung. Musa’s relatives believe he slipped through the balcony’s railing Sunday evening.

Hennepin County Medical Center spokeswoman Christine Hill says the boy was in critical but stable condition Wednesday.

Dr. Tina Slusher of the hospital’s pediatric intensive care unit said that Musa landed on a small patch of mulch.

Members of the Somali-American community say they are raising money for the family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Wildfire season heats up

A police officer turns traffic away as flames leap behind him Wednesday in Carlsbad, Calif. Flames engulfed suburban homes and shot up along canyon ridges in one of the worst of several blazes that broke out Wednesday in Southern California during a second day of a sweltering heat wave.

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Rights group seeks protection for kids working in tobacco industry

Human Rights Watch.

The report highlights findings from interviews with over 140 children

An international rights group is pushing the federal government and the tobacco industry to take further steps to protect children working on U.S. tobacco farms.

A report released Wednesday by Human Rights Watch claims that children as young as seven sometimes work long hours in fields harvesting nicotine and pesticide-laced tobacco leaves under sometimes hazardous conditions. Most of what the group documented is legal, but it wants cigarette makers to push for safety on tobacco farms.

Human Rights Watch details findings from interviews with more than 140 children work-



In this 2008 photo, farm workers make their way across a field shrouded in fog as they hoe weeds from a tobacco crop near Warsaw, Ky. ED REINKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

ing on farms in North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, where a majority of the country's tobacco is grown.

Human Rights Watch met with many of the world's big-

gest cigarette makers and tobacco suppliers to discuss its findings and push them to adopt or strengthen policies to prevent the practices in their supply chains.

Altria Group Inc., owner of Philip Morris USA, said it wants suppliers to follow the law. But Altria spokesman Jeff Caldwell said that restricting tobacco work to people 18 and over "is

really contrary to a lot of the current practices that are in place in the U.S. and is at odds in these communities where family farming is really a way of life." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tobacco farms

Reports of illnesses

About 736,500 children under 18 were reported to have worked on U.S. farms in 2012, but there are no figures for children working on tobacco farms, according to the federally funded National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety.

Nearly three-quarters of the children interviewed in 2012 and 2013 reported vomiting, nausea and headaches while working. The symptoms are consistent with Green Tobacco Sickness, which occurs when workers absorb nicotine through their skin while handling tobacco plants.

Tensions rise in northeast Nigeria

Islamic militants again attacked the remote Nigerian town from which nearly 300 schoolgirls were kidnapped, Nigeria's military said Wednesday, resulting in a firefight that killed 12 soldiers and led angry troops to fire on a commanding officer.

Soldiers said the troops fired at a senior officer who came to pay respects to the killed soldiers, whose bodies were brought to a barracks in Maiduguri, the capital of northeastern Borno state, about 130

kilometres north of the town of Chibok, where the girls were abducted a month ago.

The failure of Nigeria's government and military to find them after the April 15 mass abduction has brought mounting national and international outrage and forced Nigeria's government to accept international help.

On Tuesday morning, after learning about an impending attack by the militants, villagers ambushed two trucks with gunmen, according to

residents and a security official. At least 10 militants were detained, and scores were killed, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. It was not immediately clear where the detainees were being held.

At least 276 of the schoolgirls are still held captive, with the group's leader threatening to sell them into slavery. In a video released on Monday, he offered to release the girls in exchange for the freedom of jailed Boko Haram members.

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Vendors sell local newspapers with the headline "I saw my classmate in the video," referring to a Boko Haram video released Monday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Portrait of a girl

Malala's portrait sold for \$102,500

A British artist's portrait of a young Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' education has brought in more than \$100,000 at auction.

Christie's says the painting of Malala Yousafzai by Jonathan Yeo sold for \$102,500.

The proceeds will go to the Malala Fund, which said the money would be given to Nigerian nonprofits that focus on education for women and girls. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pakistan

Quranic teacher faces rape charges

Pakistani police arrested a teacher at a Quranic school and his two friends on charges of gang raping a college student, authorities said. The case against Qari Naseer, 27, marks a rare rape arrest in Pakistan, where prosecutions are few and victims are often stigmatized.

Crowds outside court pelted the accused with ink and stones. "I am feeling shame for doing this act," Naseer said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Storms migrating en masse out of tropics, study finds

Not in the Atlantic region. Storms drift northward only 6.5 km a decade, which just could be random, researcher says

Tropical cyclones worldwide are moving out of the tropics and more toward the poles and generally larger populations, likely because of global warming, a new study finds. Atlantic hurricanes, however, don't follow this trend.

While other studies have looked at the strength and frequency of the storms, which are called hurricanes in North America, this is the first study that looks at where they are geographically when they peak. It found in the last 30 years, tropical cyclones, regardless of their size, are peaking 53 kilometres farther north each decade in the

Japan region

In the region where Japan tracks cyclones, they are peaking 68 kilometres farther north each decade. That means cyclones that used to hit their strongest around the same latitude as the northern Philippines are now peaking closer to Hong Kong, Taiwan, Shanghai, Japan and South Korea.

Northern Hemisphere and 61 kilometres farther south each decade in the Southern Hemisphere. That means about 160 kilometres toward the more populous mid-latitudes since 1982, the starting date for the study released Wednesday by the journal Nature.

"The storms en masse are migrating out of the tropics," said study lead author James Kossin of the National Climatic Data Center and the University of Wisconsin.

Kossin and colleagues say the changes start with man-made global warming, which alters air circulation from the tropics to just farther north and south.

In the tropics, those changes increase upper atmosphere wind shifts called shear that weaken cyclone development. At higher latitudes the changes decrease the storm-decapitating shear, making those areas more favourable for storm intensification.

"The tropics are becoming less hospitable" for these storms, Kossin said.

Past storm studies have been criticized because data doesn't go back many years. But Kossin, his colleagues and outside scientists say that by looking at where geographically storms hit their peak this study avoids problems with haphazard measurements and thus can make a stronger connection to climate change.

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Space station

Russia takes tussle with U.S. to space

NASA is downplaying Russian deputy prime minister Dmitry Rogozin's statements that Russia wouldn't continue co-operating with the United States on the 15-nation International Space Station past 2020, as NASA had hoped, because of U.S. sanctions on Moscow. The United States relies on Russian Soyuz capsules to fly to and from the station. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California

Study: Irrigation raises quake risk

Excessive groundwater pumping for irrigation in California's agricultural belt, which is causing the San Joaquin Valley floor to sink, can stress the San Andreas Fault, potentially increasing the risk of future small earthquakes, a study released by the journal Nature suggests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tourists lend helping hand

Foreign tourists help to release a sea turtle to the ocean on a beach in Bali, Indonesia, Wednesday. With the help of tourists, Bali police released about a dozen turtles that they seized last month from illegal poachers. FIRDIA LISNAWATI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Year 2064: Robot waiters

Today in 2064, the federal government is grappling with record unemployment levels due to leaps in artificial intelligence; a Fort McMurray restaurant has made a controversial move to hire human wait staff; and schools are under fire for a security breach in their learning modules.

Bill aims to tackle record jobless rate

Guaranteed Income Act. Parliament moves to compromise on bill that will pump money into an economy stalled by 50 per cent jobless rate



LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

A bill that would guarantee every Canadian a basic income — regardless of whether they have a job — took a step closer to fruition Wednesday, as the governing Newer Democratic Party introduced amendments to placate the Opposition.

Proposed changes include indexing the minimum income to inflation, tax credits for companies that hire human workers and stricter requirements on who can apply.

"The viability of the Canadian economy should transcend partisan bickering," NDP Leader Christina Sandberg said in a holocaust with reporters. "We're willing to meet the Neo-Conservatives halfway, but it's up to them to show Canadians they care more about the fortunes of people than robots."

The original bill was unveiled in 2063, less than three

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weeks after news broke that Canada's unemployment rate had tipped the scales at 50.3 per cent. The historic jobless numbers — driven largely by automation in the manufacturing and service sectors — sent the economy into a tailspin.

"What's the incentive for companies to make products or offer services if the majority of the population can't afford to buy them?" Bank of Canada president Tomas Grant intoned the day after the numbers were released.

The Opposition Neo-Con-

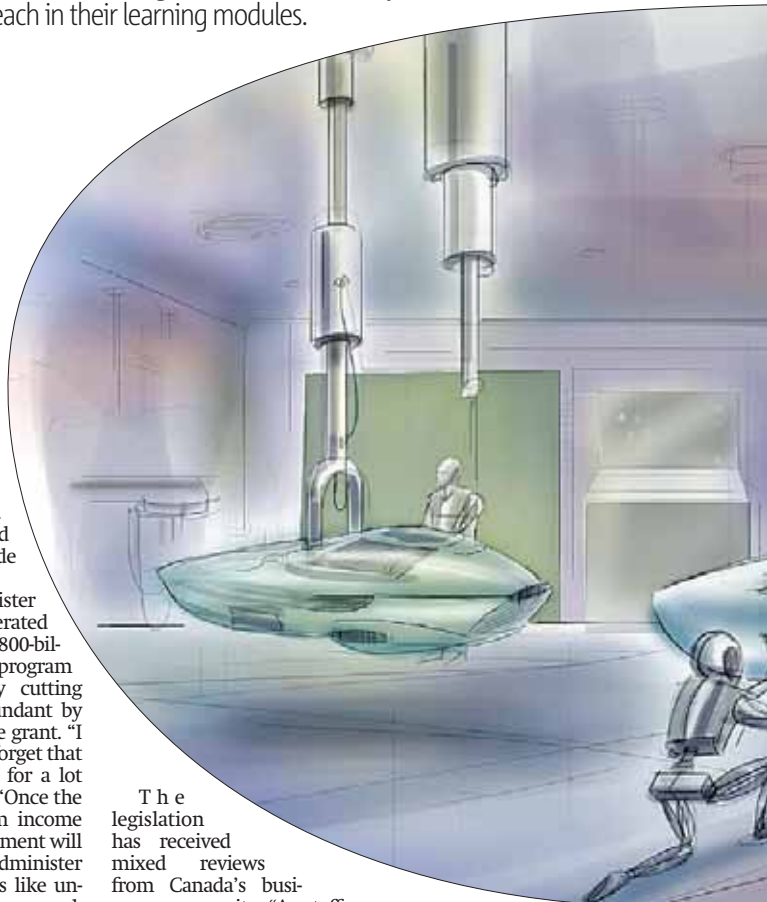
servative Party initially balked at the proposed Guaranteed Income Act, with leader Rich Wytteman calling it "a complete capitulation to socialism." However, in recent weeks there have been signs the party may have softened its stance.

Without some support from the Neo-Conservatives, the minority NDP won't have enough votes in Parliament to pass the legislation. In a bid to get the bill to second reading, the NDP introduced a watered-down version in the House Wednesday. The planned corporate tax

hike, which experts say is necessary to fund the program, has been reduced to 50 per cent from 65 per cent, and access to the program would be restricted to Canadian citizens. The NDP wanted coverage to include permanent residents.

NDP Finance Minister Brent Francis reiterated that nearly half the \$800-billion cost of the program would be found by cutting programs made redundant by the minimum income grant. "I think a lot of people forget that we're already paying for a lot of this," Francis said. "Once the guaranteed minimum income is in place, the government will no longer have to administer and pay for programs like unemployment insurance, welfare, skills training or child tax credits."

It remains to be seen whether the Neo-Conservatives will lend their support to the amended bill, or if they will provide an alternative solution to Canada's increasingly imbalanced economy. "Every day the government fails to act, more Canadian families suffer," said Kwame Johansen, an anti-poverty activist in Ottawa. "The economy has changed irrevocably, and we as a country need to change with it."



The legislation has received mixed reviews from Canada's business community. "As staffing costs have approached zero, we've seen profit margins soar in our industry," said Kevin Kelly, chair of the Canadian Restaurant Association.

"If this policy gets more people shopping and eating out, our members are confident that any losses from higher taxes will be offset by increased revenues."

"This is nothing but a tax on success," countered Chad Hanson, CEO of OfficeBot Industries, an Ontario-based company that supplies custom worker soft-

ware to the finance industry.

"Not only will this discourage companies from investing in Canada, it will discourage Canadians from getting the skills and education they need to thrive in this new economy."

Johansen called Hanson's comments "misleading."

"The era of big corporate tax cuts and incentives is over," he said. "It made sense back when these companies created jobs in Canada, but not now."

Robot redundancy. NGO voices health concerns over Alberta restaurant's decision to hire human waitstaff

An upscale eatery in Alberta is cooking up controversy by hiring human wait staff.

Tailing Ponds, a seafood restaurant in an affluent Fort McMurray neighbourhood, recently replaced its robot servers with humans in a bid to attract more clientele.

"With the invention of robo-servers, dining has become increasingly impersonal," said Frida Williams, the restaurant's owner. "We believe there's a market for fine

dining with a personalized, human touch."

Having to pay human staff is expected to double the restaurant's expenses, but Williams is confident her customers will shell out more to have their haddock served by a real person. Despite the initial capital investment in robo-servers, the cost of human servers is greater over time, Williams said.

"Our market research shows that not only do people

prefer human staff, they're also willing to pay a premium for that experience," she said.

The move has caught the attention of the Alberta Sanitation Society (ASS), a health-based NGO that sprang up in the wake of the deadly H9N1 outbreak in 2029.

Members of the group protested via holocaust outside of Tailing Ponds on Wednesday. "They may think this is a novelty, but having people

handle your food is a prime vector for disease transmission," said ASS activist Lindsey Hubler. "These diners might as well be eating their meals off of the floor."

Williams said the restaurant has complied with all municipal health bylaws, and stressed that the servers have little contact with the food.

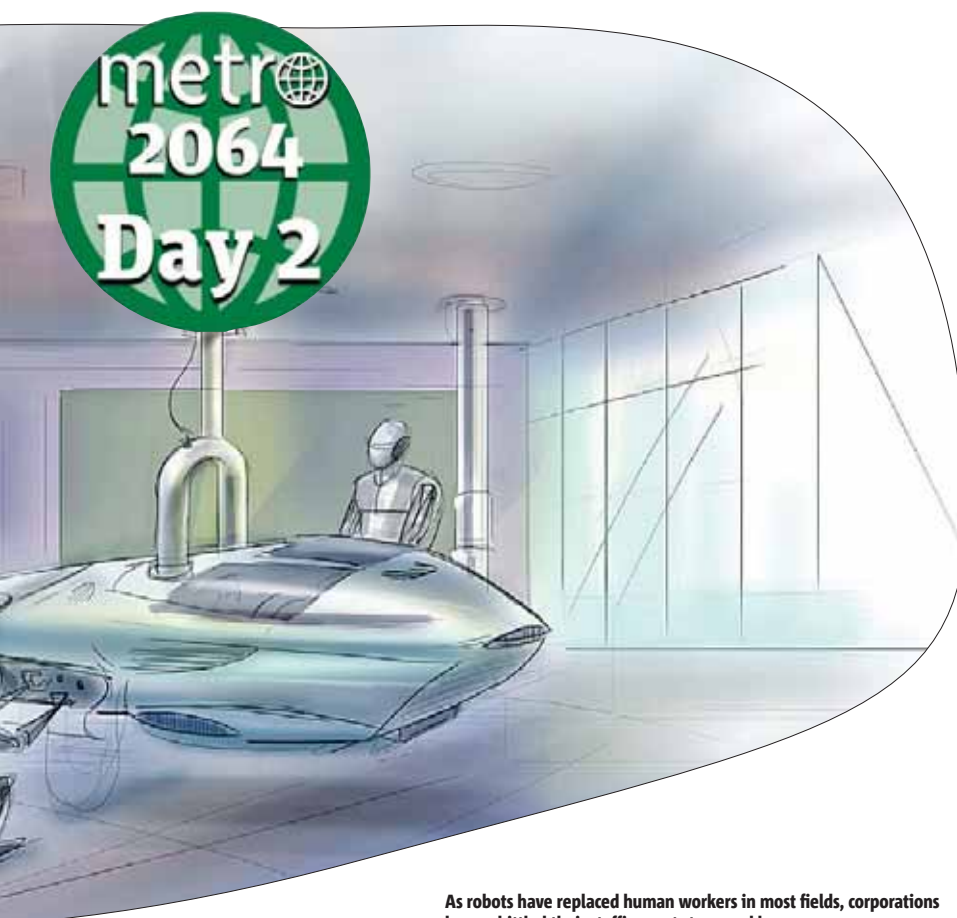
"Every meal is cooked personally by our Italian-made robot chef," she said.

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Tailing Ponds restaurant is getting rid of their robot waitstaff and replacing them with humans in a bid to attract more clientele. YURIDIGITAL.COM

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As robots have replaced human workers in most fields, corporations have whittled their staffing costs to record lows.

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LURID SEX SCENE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTRAGES PARENTS

DEENA DOUARA
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Parents are expressing outrage after it was revealed on Wednesday that hackers had broken into LemonadeStand#2, a popular children's teaching module, and added a disturbing sex scene.

"This raises real concerns. I don't even know what to tell them," said Esmerelda, who says her children had previously taken courses in the LemonadeStand#2 program.

The hacked software was discovered when an eight-year-old student attending Canopy Childminding Centre in Auckland, Australia, asked her facilitator why a young couple was naked in the LemonadeStand module. The facilitator, Madiha Osman, says she blocked the module from the system and notified education officials at 4DEdu immediately.

"I was shocked," Osman told Metro. "At least the older students will be used to seeing such things but I don't want to be the one to explain sex to the younger ones. What if the couple asked the child to join them?"



Hackers have broken into LemonadeStand#2. SHUTTERSTOCK

She says children from seven to 12 years old typically access the program developed by the private education firm, with most users being around eight or nine. The module takes anywhere from two to six months to complete and the scene in question was discovered nearly halfway through the course.

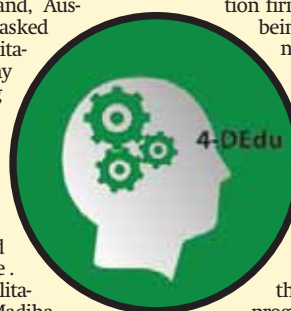
It is unclear at this point when the program was hacked, but officials told Metro they are investigating.

"We seriously doubt that this intrusion could have been inserted very long ago without any students mentioning it," said Education Canada's Deputy Minister Indira McKallie, "but we are working with 4DEdu and with police to pinpoint a timeline and safeguard against intrusions in other programs."

Parents say the response is not good enough. "What changes in security have they made since the war hacking?" said Chwinabe Okafor, head of the Urban Canadian Parents Association (UCPA). "The ministry has to be held responsible for what our children are experiencing. I wonder how they would feel if it was their kid interacting with the couple."

Police say the student was physically unharmed but they are working with 4DEdu to determine if any other children were touched or otherwise engaged with inappropriately. Counselors will also be working with the students.

LemonadeStand#2 is available in 38 countries and is a Business 1, Math 3, Reading 2, and Fitness 1 level program optimized for left-brain auditory learners, with Math and Fitness levels being adjustable.



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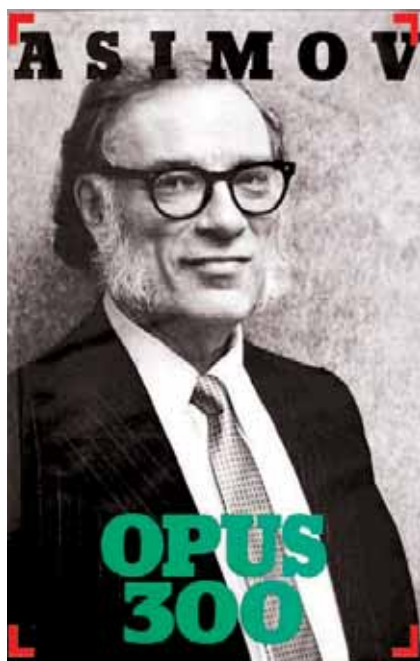
Education

Calls for oversight in wake of intrusions

A number of intrusions in the past few years have led parents to campaign for greater government oversight of 4DEdu and Sail Global, the two largest

education firms in the market. In March of last year it was discovered that operatives had hacked into a New Canadian Bank-sponsored B15M11 module that would lead students to conclude the bank was responsible for the market crash of 2018. Two years ago, three German hackers were discovered to have made a number of intrusions into three Second World War

modules, nearly erasing any mention of concentration camps. Twelve countries in Asia have long held screening laws to ensure purchased programs have been viewed and secured by an external body before reaching students. The UCPA has not yet called for such extreme measures but are working with ministry officials to find appropriate safeguards.



Isaac Asimov is considered one of the most prolific and talented science fiction writers of all time. Asimov, who died in 1992, wrote over 500 books and made sometimes eerily accurate predictions about what our future might look like. In this interview from almost 30 years ago, Asimov talks about a system of learning that uses a tool that sounds an awful lot like the Internet. See for yourself.



See that symbol? It means you can scan the photo with your Metro News app to watch an interview with Isaac Asimov.

Trial. Former royal editor says he hacked Kate's phone 155 times

The former royal editor of the News of the World said Wednesday that he repeatedly hacked the voicemails of Prince William, Prince Harry and Kate Middleton in the months before he was arrested for illegal eavesdropping in 2006.

Under cross examination at Britain's phone hacking trial, Clive Goodman acknowledged he had listened to Middleton's voicemails 155 times, Prince William's 35 times and Prince Harry's nine times.

Goodman was briefly jailed in 2007, along with private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, for hacking the phones of royal aides. But Goodman said police and prosecutors never asked him if he had also targeted members of the royal family.

"I have been as open and honest about hacking as I can be, but nobody has asked me any questions about this before," said Goodman, 56.

Earlier in the trial the jury was read transcripts of intercepted phone messages between William and Kate from the days when they were courting. She became the Duchess of Cambridge when they married in 2011.

Goodman said Kate was first targeted in late 2005,



Kate Middleton GETTY IMAGES FILE

when she was becoming "a figure of increasing importance around the royal family."

Goodman and six others — including ex-News of the World editors Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson — are on trial over wrongdoing at Rupert Murdoch's British tabloids. Murdoch shut down the News of the World in 2011 after evidence emerged that its staff had hacked the phones of celebrities, politicians and even a kidnapped 13-year-old girl.

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Mohamed Harkat and his wife Sophie Lamarche Harkat leave the Supreme Court of Canada Wednesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court upholds terror case against Harkat

Constitutional challenge. Ruling affirms security certificate regime

"It's difficult to put it in words," Harkat's lawyer Norm Boxall said Wednesday after the decision was released. "I can't think of another word to say, other than it was devastating."

Added Harkat's wife, Sophie, as she and her husband were getting into a car to leave: "We will fight them all the way."

Harkat, 45, has said he could face torture if returned to his native Algeria, raising questions about how, when or even if he will be removed from Canada.

The former pizza delivery man was taken into custody in Ottawa in December 2002 on suspicion of being an al-Qaida

sleeping agent. He denies any involvement with terrorism.

The federal government is trying to deport the Algerian refugee on a security certificate — a seldom-used tool in immigration law for removing non-citizens suspected of extremism or espionage.

Harkat's lawyers argued the process was unfair because the person named in a certificate doesn't see the full case against them.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court said the security certificate regime does not violate the person's right to know and challenge the allegations they face. However, the high court provided detailed guidance on applying the process

Similar cases

Two other men — Mahmoud Jaballah and Mohamed Mahjoub, both originally from Egypt — could face removal from Canada in long-running certificate cases.

to ensure it is fair.

Federal Court Justice Simon Noel ruled in 2010 that there were grounds to believe Harkat is a security threat who maintained ties to Osama bin Laden's terror network after coming to Canada.

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Liberal policy

Cardinal urges Trudeau to drop abortion stance

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Toronto is asking Justin Trudeau to reconsider his decision to bar would-be Liberal candidates who do not endorse the party policy on abortion.

Cardinal Thomas Collins wrote to the Liberal leader Wednesday to say he under-

stands the need for party discipline, but questions whether that discipline can extend to matters of conscience.

Trudeau has said the party won't accept new candidates who are not pro-choice on abortion.

"As a party, we are steadfast in our belief ... that it is not for any government to legislate what a woman chooses to do with her body," Trudeau said last week.

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Ohio

No more kids for deadbeat dad: Appeals court

An Ohio appeals court has upheld a judge's order that a father can't have more kids until he pays his back child support.

The decision this week by the appeals court didn't provide an opinion about whether the judge's order was appropriate. Instead the

appeals court said it didn't have enough information to decide the merits of the case without a copy of the pre-sentence report detailing Asim Taylor's background.

In January 2013, Judge James Walther said Taylor couldn't have more children while he is on probation for five years. The judge said the order would be lifted if Taylor pays nearly \$100,000 US in overdue support for his four children.

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Save the dolphins: EU aims to put an end to 'walls of death'

European Union.

Proposal aims to ban driftnets, known for indiscriminately catching and killing anything caught within the huge nets

The European Union's executive on Wednesday proposed to ban all use of driftnets in EU waters and on its vessels by year's end to better enforce the protection of dolphins, sharks, swordfish and bluefin tuna.

Driftnets stretching for miles close to the surface have often been responsible for the incidental capture and killing of thousands of marine animals that are important to the ecosystem. They were also responsible for indiscriminate fishing that often resulted in huge by-catches with little commercial value.

Often they were called the "walls of death" since they



The proposed ban on driftnets would help protect dolphins, sharks, swordfish and bluefin tuna. DEAN PURCELL/GETTY IMAGES

trapped and killed anything within nets that could measure dozens of kilometres.

"Fishing with driftnets destroys marine habitats, endangers marine wildlife and threatens sustainable fisheries," said EU Fisheries Com-

missioner Maria Damanaki.

These type of nets were previously used in the hunt for endangered bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean until the EU banned such fishing in 2002. Even if laws already restricted its use, driftnet fishing

often continued illegally and a total ban on driftnets would make catching cheats easier. The EU courts had to take action against Italy and France half a decade ago to stop such practices.

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Beginning of the end. After 62 years in Canada Sears likely to disappear

Sears is considering selling its struggling Canadian operations, a move that will likely lead to the closure of its brick-and-mortar stores in this country and make room for a new retailer to enter the market.

The U.S. parent company, owned by Sears Holdings in Chicago and controlling shareholder Edward Lampert, said Wednesday it was looking at strategic options for its 51 per cent interest in Sears Canada, including the possible sale.

While Sears Canada says it will co-operate with the Sears Holdings review and insists its



Sears is considering selling its Canadian operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian stores will continue to operate as usual, observers see the move as the beginning of the end.

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Remember Napster? Seems everyone's moved on to Netflix

Netflix increased its share of fixed-line Internet traffic in North America in the first half of 2014, accounting for 34 per cent of data flowing to consumers during peak times, up from 32 per cent in the latter half of 2013.

That's according to a new report from Sandvine Inc., a Canadian networking services company.

Sandvine also found that file-sharing — the main tool of content piracy — had fallen to 8.3 per cent of all daily



Netflix eats up 34% of Internet traffic at peak times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

network traffic, compared to 31 per cent in 2008, as legitimate options flourished.

Sandvine for the first time identified Internet users who are likely "cord cutters," or those likely to drop traditional pay TV. They were the top 15 per cent heaviest users of streaming audio and video.

The group accounted for 54 per cent of all Internet traffic, consuming on average 212 gigabytes of data per month. That would be roughly equivalent to watching 100 hours of video per month, Sandvine said.

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Remember the '80s?

Cineplex is not playing around with arcade plans

Movie exhibitor Cineplex Inc. sees a future in arcade games as it looks for ways to boost revenues beyond movie theatres.

"Gaming presents a real opportunity for Cineplex," chief executive Ellis Jacob told shareholders at the company's annual meeting on Wednesday.

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Messages

Yahoo set to take on Snapchat with Blink purchase

Yahoo is buying the mobile messaging app Blink.

Messages sent through the Blink app self-destruct after a certain amount of time. The app allows users to send texts, sketches, record audio, make videos and take photos. Facebook reportedly tried to buy its main rival Snapchat for \$3 billion US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rising tensions

Oil rises above \$102 a barrel amid Ukraine turmoil

The price of U.S. oil climbed above \$102 US a barrel Wednesday amid ongoing tensions in Ukraine and an industry report showing crude stocks falling at a key U.S. storage hub.

Oil gained 67 cents on the Toronto Stock Exchange Wednesday and closed at \$102.37 US a barrel.

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ALL HAIL VICKY, QUEEN OF BBQS

Here's a two-four gun salute to Queen Victoria, namesake of the best holiday on the entire calendar.

Sure, the full-bodied Crown Vic doesn't have the same cache as Santa's sleigh, but that's the point.

No gifts to buy, no relatives to visit, no dates to remember. The lazy long weekend May Day is the best precisely because it's no emergency.

Long live holidays that aren't tied to anything of importance, I say. Long live Queen Vicky whispering sweet, sweet nothing in my ear from her ignored corner of history.

I know, I know. There are people out there that feel some sort of bizarre kinship to a long-dead sort-of leader who kind of ruled us when our country was born, forever inspiring the Canadian people with her era's strict table manners and fear of sex.

In the interests of keeping the die-hard Queen fans happy,



HE SAYS

John Mazerolle

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here are a few interesting true facts about Queen Victoria Day and the holiday that bears her name.

Did you know?

* Victoria Day is named after Queen Victoria, Ruler of Barbecues, Defender of Gardening and Empress of Putting Your Boat in the Water.

* Her real name: Robert Zimmerman.

* Victoria was the longest-sitting U.K. sovereign, staying in her royal Barcalounger for three straight weeks while she caught up on all seven seasons of William Shakespeare's series The Henrys.

* Winner of several wars against her French counterpart Queen Capitula.

* Founded Victoria's Secret in 1871. The closely guarded secret, held close to the chest until 2005, was that lingerie will not turn you into a buxom 20-year-old model.

* Victoria faced six assassination attempts, most of them by men who missed with pistols at close range, providing George Lucas with the real-world inspiration for the storm troopers in Star Wars.

* Almost always depicted wearing black, because it did a good job hiding the Yorkshire pudding stains.

* Despite being thought of as a historically intimidating figure, Victoria was a surprising three inches tall. Her image on postage stamps of the day is life-sized.

* Victoria Day is celebrated in other countries by looking in the general direction of Canada and shrugging.

So, yes, Queen Victoria has done many great things, and you should talk to your local plate collector or Wikipedia page moderator to learn more about them.

But to me her greatest accomplishment will always be a why-not holiday that happens just as the sun starts to spread its warmth, the leaves make their first appearance and the flowers bloom.

Only in Canada? Pretty.

ZOOM

To wear to the amethyst castle party



The Borgezie Princess Constellation stilettos are priced at \$337,000 US. CONTRIBUTED

Q&A

Designer defends diamond-encrusted stilettos

You could walk off with heels worthy of Cinderella ... if you've got £200,000 (\$337,000 US) to spare. The Borgezie Princess Constellation stilettos — crafted in either platinum or 18-carat gold and encrusted with

1,290 diamonds — are the world's most expensive shoes. Designer Christopher Shellis, who's been working on the stilettos for seven years, tells Metro why the footwear that requires a mortgage is a "bargain."

The shoes are the price of a sports car or an apartment, so who are you expecting to splash the cash? Actually, I've already had an enquiry. I've been approached by some people, who won't disclose their names, asking whether I could create 100 pairs of stilettos like this one. It's for a royal engagement.

That's ridiculous! £200,000 sounds like a lot of money but people are spending hundreds of thousands on diamond-encrusted iPhone accessories or buying £500,000-plus cars. It's a bargain, mate! (Laughs)

Do you see them as an investment piece? Yeah, I think the stilettos are like the Damien Hirst diamond-encrusted skull. Actually they're better because they've got a practical value as well as a display value.

Does a bodyguard come with the purchase? (Laughs) The people who buy these will bring their own bodyguard. **METRO**

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The beautiful mane: Soccer, now with lions



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The thing about people that seem to have a mystical connection with lions is that there's nothing really mystical about it so long as you know your way around a cat.

Just watch sharply dressed Lion Whisperer Kevin Richardson in action. A few chin scratches here, a head-butt there. Add a dash of flank rubs and he's earned enough feline devotion to spawn a spirited soccer match.

There's a lion whisperer inside all of us. Then again, so is a healthy fear of an animal that can kill you by mistake.



(Via Van Gils/YouTube)

Take time before you shine

Give it a rest. Slowing down means growing up for the boys of Plants and Animals



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Slow and steady wins the race.

The motto is as true for competitive runners as it was for Montreal-based indie rock band Plants and Animals when they decided the best method of creating their next album.

According to drummer and vocalist Matthew Woodley, the boys are taking on a slower pace; spending time getting their work in while also making sure to build something of substance prior to stepping up to the start line and letting it all go.

"We find that that is the best way to work creatively right now," said Woodley. "It's the best way to do things, put our work aside and reflect on the songs as we move on to something else in life then return to the music."

Though most would agree if it ain't broke don't fix it, it was after their last



Plants and Animals are playing a sold-out show at the Seahorse Tavern on Friday night. CONTRIBUTED

Details

What: Plants and Animals with special guest North Lakes

Where: The Seahorse Tavern

When: Friday, 10 p.m.

Tickets: Sold out

album, *The End of That*, that the boys decided to take some time with their next offering.

Piecemeal and paced accordingly, this next album, which is set to come out in early 2015, challenged the band to "really focus on the music full time. This process gave us the advantage of

hindsight and let us break up the pace that we've been on over the past few years."

With all the attention going towards their new album, the band hasn't hit the stage together since last winter — a performing dry spell that is coming to a close this weekend. Making a stop in Halifax, they will play to

a sold-out house at the Seahorse on Friday night.

The time away from the stage was not wasted.

Having spent some time apart, the boys have been playing a lot in the studio and collaborating with other people and bands, Woodley says, and it's been a great way for them to "stretch

out" as musicians.

Undoubtedly, this was a chance to broaden their horizons, fine-tune their palates and bring what they've learned back to their audience.

"It's pumped some energy back into the band and we're excited to get out there."

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Now is the time to shake things up

Kevin Spacey.

Thespian becomes first actor to self-distribute a film in the U.S. with his new documentary

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Kevin Spacey doesn't shy away from taking big risks.

It started when he was a teenager and switched high schools — to California's Chatsworth — so he could work with two other actors he thought brilliant: Val Kilmer and Mare Winningham.

"Everybody thought I was nuts to do that. I've been f—ing nuts my whole life," he says in a recent phone interview.

He continued this peripatetic path into adulthood, moving from California to New York to study drama, then all but leaving Hollywood behind 11 years ago to run The Old Vic theatre in London. "I love being disruptive. I've been making deci-

sions like that my whole life, so it was very exciting to me," he says of the bold move.

His latest shakeup is *Now: In the Wings on a World Stage*, a documentary he funded, produced and starred in. With its release, Spacey becomes the first actor to self-distribute a film in the U.S. It's a savvy business move that allows Spacey more control over the project.

"I always wanted to be a good businessman as well as a good actor," he says. "I've always admired actors who were very good at business. My idol, Jack Lemon, was a very good businessman. Many people don't even know he produced *Cool Hand Luke*."

The doc follows the Bridge Project, a theatre group, as they tour the globe on a grueling 200-plus show production of Shakespeare's *Richard III*. Sam Mendes is at the helm as director of the play, with Spacey playing the fated villain-hero — the very character on which his *House of Cards* President Frank Underwood is based.

"It was coincidental," he says of the occurrence of play-

ing *Richard III* and then Frank Underwood. "House of Cards was being developed before I even knew I was doing *Richard III*."

The doc gives a glimpse of what life is like as part of a travelling theatre group and the bonds that develop, peppered with some travelogue moments — like a cruise with the cast along Italy's Amalfi Coast. In it, Spacey admits that *Richard III* was the most difficult role he'd ever played. "It's the second longest role in all of Shakespeare's canon after Hamlet. When Shakespeare wrote the play, he was quite young, and he didn't use the device he used in later plays where he gave the actor breaks. In this particular play, out of 24 scenes, *Richard* is in 22 of them, so there's literally no time to take a breath."

Can Spacey pick a favourite moment from the tour?

"It's hard to pick out a favourite," he says. "But I suspect if I absolutely had to point at one, it would end up being the 14,000-seat amphitheatre in Greece — the Epidaurus — where we played three per-



Now: In the Wings on a World Stage is in theatres on Thursday and online at nowthefilm.com. CONTRIBUTED

formances, and it was some of the most incredible experi-

ences I have ever had in front of an audience. You're playing to the gods without any amplifications."

Brief

Monaco royals take issue with Kidman film

It has been savaged as 'shameful' before it even comes out, but filmmakers behind *Grace of Monaco* were hoping to put all that behind them Wednesday when the movie kicks off the Cannes Film Festival.

Director Olivier Dahan's *Grace of Monaco*, starring Nicole Kidman, has been embroiled in not one but two rows as the princely children of the late actress-turned-princess and powerful U.S. distributor Harvey Weinstein blast the director's version of the film.

Prince Albert II and his sisters Caroline and Stephanie insist that the film does not accurately portray events involving their mother.

AFP



Nicole Kidman plays Princess Grace of Monaco.

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Where are the women? Cannes lacks female-directed entries yet again

Gender politics flared at the opening of the 67th Cannes Film Festival Wednesday as Palme d'Or jury president Jane Campion railed against male domination of the movies.

"It does feel very undemocratic, and women do notice, you know," the New Zealand filmmaker said, noting that just two of the 18 films she and her fellow jury members will judge in the days ahead were directed by women.

"Time and time again we don't get our share of representation ... the guys get to eat all the cake."

Campion, the only woman in the festival's history to win the Palme — she took it for *The Piano* in 1993 — said she was told by Cannes selectors that 93 per cent of the films submitted to the fest were made by men, so there was bound to be an imbalance. She said she understands this and doesn't resent the success of male filmmakers, "but there is something that women are thinking and doing that we don't get to know enough about."

Despite her strong feelings on this issue, Campion pledged that she and her fellow jurors will "vote with our hearts and



Palme d'Or jury president Jane Campion.

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our consciences" and not follow any political or cultural agenda. Campion's comments ironically came right after the press screening and press conference for opening gala film *Grace of Monaco*, in which Nicole Kidman plays Grace Kelly, the actress who gave up Hollywood and found herself trapped in a male-dominated kingdom. Campion's nine-member jury tilts more female than male, with five women and four men, an international mix of actors and directors.

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Nicole Kidman ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The highs and lows of being Nicole Kidman

Nicole Kidman has never made the choice that Grace Kelly did — quitting acting to begin another life as Princess of Monaco. But she's rarely found equilibrium in her career and personal life. "When I won the Oscar, I went home and I didn't have (love) in my life," said Kidman, who won best actress in 2003, two years after she and Tom Cruise divorced. "That was the most intensely lonely experience in my life."

Kidman stars as Kelly

in *Grace of Monaco*, which premiered Wednesday as the opener of the Cannes Film Festival. "Strangely for me, the greatest highs have coincided with the greatest lows," said Kidman. "So (during) my professional highs a lot of times I've had personal lows and they've collided. That's always aggravated me that it's gone that way. I'm hoping one day I can have a professional high and a personal high."

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With this paintball, I thee wed? Angelina and Brad let kids plan their wedding

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt might be regretting their choice of wedding planners. The *Maleficent* star tells *People* magazine that they've been allowing their six kids to have some input on how best to tie the knot. "We are discussing it with the children and how they imagine it might be, which is verging on hysterical, how kids envision a wedding," Jolie says. "They will, in a way, be the wedding planners. It's going



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

to be Disney or paintball — one or the other."

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Jay Z shops with 100th problem Solange

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

In perhaps an unspoken message to let us know that we will never, ever, ever know what is up with the Knowles-Z clan, Jay Z and Solange Knowles calmly shopped for jewelry together in Manhattan on Tuesday, just days after Solange attacked Jay Z in an elevator after the Met Gala.

The rap mogul and his 100th problem were spotted at Mr. Flawless, a high end jewelry store, according to TMZ. The pair browsed women's jewelry for about

20 minutes, mostly separately. They spoke little to each other and left without buying anything.

It would take remarkable self-possession to calmly go on a shopping trip with someone who tried to put a stiletto heel through your eye just days earlier. Maybe Jay Z just wants his peaceful home life back, so he's trying to forge a truce. Or maybe they're both trying to get back in Beyoncé's good graces with a sparkly peace offering. Or maybe it's Blue Ivy who's pulling all the strings here, and they have to bring her diamond-encrusted baby rattles or else.

Jay Z isn't the only one who's trying to publicly reinforce his relationship with Solange: Beyoncé has filled her Instagram with pictures of the sisters hanging out in happier times.

Beauty and a rap sheet: Biebs accused of briefly swiping woman's phone

Justin Bieber is developing quite the weird little rap sheet. The pop star has been accused of graffiti, vandalism, getting his bodyguards to beat up a guy, and now, very short theft.

Bieber was at Sherman Oaks Castle Park, a sports complex, when he and his entourage reportedly got into an altercation with a group of men by the batting cages. According to TMZ, a woman claims that during the altercation, Bieber saw her take out her cellphone and came over to confront her about whether she'd taken pictures. The woman says that when she refused to show him her phone, Bieber reached into her purse and took it.

The two wrestled for the phone and Justin tore it out of her hand, but couldn't see her photo stream because the phone was locked, she told police. Bieber gave the phone back and insisted that she erase the photos. After she unlocked the phone and showed him she'd never taken any in the first place,



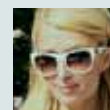
Justin Bieber

Bieber finally left her alone, she said.

The unnamed woman filed a criminal complaint. The LAPD confirmed to CNN that Justin has been accused of attempted robbery. However, no charges have been filed.

Poor old Bieber can't win. When he tries to cover up one potential scandal he ends up embroiled in another. Maybe he should buy a private island. Seems like the best solution for all of us if he just isolates himself in Biebervania. METRO WORLD NEWS

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@ParisHilton

Just landed in Nice. Hopefully the airline hasn't lost any of my luggage. Everytime I have landed here half my luggage is missing!



@carrieunderwood

Breakfast by candlelight. I'm not complaining...so peaceful. But I hope they get it fixed 'cause make-up by candlelight won't end as well!



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As the weather starts to warm up, it's natural to experience a little more spring in your step.

You might be excited to shed those socks and boots, but before you start strutting around town in strappy sandals and peep-toes, you'll want to be sure to start the season off on the right foot, says essie Canada's lead nail artist, Rita Remark.

"Because they are out in the open, our feet tend to have more issues like dryness, cracking and chipping when the weather is warm," says Remark.

With that in mind, she says treating the skin on your feet the same way you would the rest of your body is important: exfoliate where necessary and moisturize.

"Use the coarse side of a double sided pedicure file to remove any calluses or rough skin, then use the finer side to soften them," she says. "After this step, it's good practice to moisturize because it allows for better product absorption and a longer lasting softness."

She adds that you'll want to apply sunscreen before stepping out into the sun —



This little piggy definitely went to the spa. ISTOCK

Fear by the foot

"When you say pedicure to a man, they think of a big, drippy, red nail."

Daniel Francoeur
Owner of Bodé Spa Medi-Wellness for Men
on changing the male mind about foot care

unless you want sandal tan lines, of course.

And naturally, a layer of polish will kick up any spring outfit an extra notch.

Revlon Canada's nail ex-

pert, Leeanne Colley recommends gravitating towards bright colours this season, as they work with every skin tone and are a great way of working the colour-blocking trend into your look from all angles.

When it comes to the question of whether bright toenails is a polished enough look for work, Colley says it all comes down to maintenance.

"As long as they are chip-free, short and remain glossy," says Colley of your professional pedicure. "If



Colours of the season

Rita Remark's recommendations for this season are essie's cobalt aqua (strut your stuff), soft lavender (French affair) and bright sunny orange (roarrange).

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Daniel Francoeur, the owner of Bodé Spa Medi-Wellness for Men, with locations in both Ottawa and Toronto, says that men often suffer in silence with foot problems like warts, corns and fungus or ingrown nails.

One of his clients, a senior, had been having trouble walking because his toenails were turning down. With a little attention, his problem has been solved, he's more mobile, and he's lost 25 pounds.

"When you say pedicure to a man, they think of a big, drippy red nail," says Francoeur.

"Men often don't consider their feet important, but once they realize what can be done with them, it's almost always the first service we'll see them rebooking."

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Brittany Gray

Age: 28

Occupation: Owner of Fancy Face Inc.

What she's wearing: L.A.M.B booties, Citizens Of Humanity jeans, Club Monaco vest, Louis Vuitton purse, Ray Ban shades, Vintage rings, Michael Kors watch,

Tiffany's bracelet, Ganni 'Je T'aime' shirt

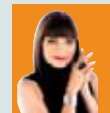
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The book offers up 200 recipes and 100 photos in which vegetables and fruits shine — as crunchy toppings for burgers, bright sauces and marinades for meat, chicken and fish; heaping platters of grilled veg; grilled salads and pizzas; and more.

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Grilling Week.

Vegetarians, fire up the barbecue. This recipe in our series leading up to May Long Weekend is just for you.

“The flavour and nutritional content of sweet potatoes spurs cooks to find surprising ways to work them into all kinds of dishes,” write the editors of Better Homes and Gardens in the book Fresh Grilling. “Here, they help fill super-healthy quesadillas packed with jack cheese, navy beans, and baby spinach.”

1. In a bowl combine beans, 1/4 cup of the cilantro, lime juice, jalapeño, and chili powder; set aside. For cucumber relish, in a small bowl combine cucumber, radishes and remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro; set aside.

2. In a medium saucepan cook sweet potatoes, covered, in lightly salted boiling water for 15 minutes or until tender; drain well. Return potatoes to saucepan and coarsely mash; stir in cumin.

3. Spread mashed sweet potatoes over half of each tortilla. Top each with beans, spinach, green onions, and cheese. Fold each tortilla in half over the filling, pressing firmly.

4. For a charcoal or gas grill, place quesadillas directly on the grill rack over medium heat. Cover and grill for 4 minutes, turning once halfway through grilling. To serve, cut quesadillas into wedges and pass cucumber relish and, if desired, Greek yogurt sprinkled with paprika. **RECIPES EXCERPTED FROM FRESH GRILLING © 2014 BY BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS. REPRODUCED BY PERMISSION OF HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.**

Ingredients

- 1 15- to 16-oz can navy beans, rinsed and drained
- 5 tbsp snipped fresh cilantro
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1 small fresh jalapeño chili pepper, seeded, finely chopped
- 1 tsp ground ancho chili powder
- 1/2 cucumber, quartered and sliced
- 3 to 4 medium radishes, halved and thinly sliced
- 12 oz sweet potato, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 4 10-inch whole wheat flour tortillas
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped baby spinach
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (3 oz)
- Plain Greek yogurt and paprika (optional)



TOTAL TIME ABOUT 30 MINUTES

This recipe for Sweet Potato Quesadillas with Cucumber Relish serves four. BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS



Served with slices of grilled bread, this salad works as a main dish. It serves four. BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

Grilled Zucchini Salad with Mozzarella and Dill

1. On a baking sheet arrange zucchini in a single layer. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil and sprinkle with salt and black pepper.

2. For a charcoal or gas grill, place zucchini on grill rack directly over medium heat. Cover and grill for 8 minutes or until tender, turning once halfway through grilling.

3. On a serving platter arrange warm zucchini and mozzarella. Sprinkle with dillweed and crushed red pepper. Drizzle with lemon

juice and the remaining 2 tablespoons oil.

Ingredients

- 3 medium zucchini and/or yellow squash, sliced lengthwise into 1/4-inch planks
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 8-oz fresh mozzarella ball, pulled into large pieces
- 2 tbsp coarsely snipped fresh dillweed
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

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Mix and match patterns like a pro

Mix it up in style.

Follow these rules to create the perfect combination of patterns in a room



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Every well-decorated room should have some sort of pattern, whether it's featured on fabrics, rugs, wall-paper or accessories.

Even wood floors and furnishings have patterns to consider when designing a space.

Patterns help to bring a room to life with movement, shape and colour. An untrained eye may never recognize the thought process that goes into creating a well-balanced room, but not incorporating pattern into your decor scheme can lead to a plain, boring room.

Here are the ABC's of incorporating pattern into your own space:

Mixing patterns

- Every room needs a straight-lined pattern (such as stripes, plaids or graphics) and a curvy-line fabric (such as floral, paisley or polka dots).
- Using two or more of a similar pattern (such as floral) rarely works unless the size of those patterns is distinctly different.
- Solid (non-patterned) fabrics can help relieve the eye of too much visual movement but can sometimes look plain if they are not textured.

Pattern shapes

- Curvy or rounded patterns tend to imply a traditional or feminine look whereas straight-lined patterns imply a masculine or modern look.
- When mixing straight and curvy patterns, incorporate 70 per cent of your favourite look and 30 per cent of the other for a perfect balance; never 50/50.
- Wood has grain and that should be considered a pattern when decorating. Oak and walnut have curvy lines and zebra wood has straight lines.



Textured solids, checks, stripes and floral patterns can work together using a similar colour palette. THOMASVILLE

Scale

- Put the biggest pattern on the biggest piece — that's the proper way to choose the size of a pattern.
- For impact, add an oversized print on a tiny item like a

pillow.

- When choosing wallpaper, the bigger the print, the fuller the room will look. This is a great way to visually fill a space where a lot of furniture is not needed, such as stairwells, foyers and powder rooms.

Colour

- Various patterns can work together as long as they all share the same colour-way.
- The third most obvious colour in the room's main

print is the colour to paint the walls of that room.

- If decorating a room with just one colour, you are creating a monochromatic colour scheme. Add textured fabrics and rugs to fill the eye's need for pattern.

Cheapskates are out, frugality is in

Be savvy, not stingy.

Metro's Lesley-Anne Scorgie has you covered in her new book, *Well-Heeled: The Smart Girl's Guide to Getting Rich*



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I'm not a cheapskate, but I sure do enjoy saving money on my purchases where and when I can.

Saving money actually drives much of my purchasing behaviour because the more money I can keep, the greater my net worth and the more options I have to do what I want with my life.

Frugal living is different from being a cheapskate. Frugal people maximize the dollars they've worked hard



Being frugal can free you up to live really well. ISTOCK

to earn by negotiating prices, finding deals, couponing, buying on sale, and determining the best ways to buy products and services for the lowest possible price. Sure, sometimes my friends think I'm cheap because I drive a second-hand, affordable, fuel-efficient Volkswagen; I love free events; I buy in bulk; and Kijiji is my best friend. But I

disagree. I never go without. I'm simply a smart spender, and my bank account proves it.

Cheapskates, on the other hand, have a bad rap for not buying what they need, when they need it, because they are afraid to spend their money. When they do spend, they'll often buy a cheap product that doesn't last, which then

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effort, you can live frugally and save money without compromising your lifestyle.

Chapter 1 reveals that research shows wealthy women live within their means and frugally.

Dr. Thomas Stanley has conducted extensive studies on thousands of wealthy men and women.

In his book *Stop Acting Rich ... And Start Living Like a Real Millionaire*, he discusses how most millionaires keep meticulous budgets, live in homes valued at less than \$300,000, and purchase rather than lease their cars (and those cars are often second-hand).

And surprisingly, typical millionaire women never pay more than \$140 for a pair of shoes — and you know as well as I do that Jimmy Choos don't fall into that price bracket!

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Cheap or Frugal?

- **Cheap.** Cheapskates purchase the lowest-priced product regardless of quality.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies are willing to pay more for affordable, quality products.
- **Cheap.** Cheapskates show up at dinner parties empty-handed.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies host potluck dinners so that nobody has to shoulder the entire grocery bill.
- **Cheap.** Cheapskates avoid tipping a service provider at all costs.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies tip according to the quality of the service.



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Factoring a firepit into the patio

There's no doubt a little sunshine warms up a patio, but many outdoor aficionados want more.

Firepits and outdoor kitchens are two big trends for the summer of 2014.

"There's a big demand for more outdoor living spaces such as outdoor cooking, entertainment and partly-covered areas that can host a bar and seating area," said Halifax-area landscape designer Joe Bidermann. "It's appliances that are built-in and integrated into the stonework. It can get elaborate and complicated or it can be like a kit where you can easily assemble them."

Many cooks don't want to give up the barbecue when the snow flies, so they embed barbecues with a side burner, and in some cases a fridge and bar right into the stonework on their patios and decks.

Firepits are becoming even more popular because they extend those glorious summer nights and the season itself with their warmth. Steve Gilboe, owner of Patio Palace in London, Ont., said people are moving away from a more formal table and chairs to casual seating like a sectional, and a firepit fits right into that casual atmosphere.

"Firepits have become on everybody's

wish list to have out in the backyard," Gilboe said. "These could be something simple as a wood-burning firepit, but the stronger desires tend to be something controlled by a propane tank or hooked up to their natural gas line."

Many firepits pull double duty as a table. Some of them have the space to put down a dinner plate and wine glass and some have a cover so the firepit can double as a table when needed.

If plans for the patio and backyard are far grander than installing a firepit, it's best to take the time for thoughtful planning, advised Bidermann.

"The best dollar you spend is the money you spend on your design, figuring out what you want and what you can afford," he said. "Break it down into bite-sized pieces for you to accomplish. It's not just a matter of getting a fancy design and you realize you can't afford it, you need to work with a professional landscape designer."

And keep in mind landscaping could be a multi-year project. In that case, Bidermann suggests prioritizing based on the needs of the entire family including the kids and animals.

— Jennifer Taplin



SMALL OUTDOOR SPACES CAN FLOURISH

Big yard, small yard, it doesn't matter when it comes to creating a beautiful outdoor space, Bidermann said.

"I love to design small spaces. It's very interesting, there's great possibilities and great opportunities to do something. In ways it's much easier and in other ways it's more difficult to work in a small space."

Living walls are a neat idea but not for the majority of homeowners, warns Bidermann:

"Applied in a residential setting I would not want to do it because it would take a lot of fertilizer requirements, close monitoring of everything. It's not just a matter of building something up right and sticking a few plants or seeding something."

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WHAT'S TRENDING THIS YEAR

GARDENERS MIGHT HAVE GREEN THUMBS, BUT PURPLE, ORANGE AND PINK ARE POPULAR

Fairies, patio containers and the colour purple may seem unlikely bedfellows, but they have one thing in common: all three are hot new trends in the 2014 gardening world.

With the arrival of spring, gardening stores are beginning to take note of what's popular this season.

And according to Will Heeman of Heeman's garden centre in London, Ont., hot colours have been all the rage.

"The colour of the year is a lilac-y purple," says Heeman, adding that other hot colours — such as orange and pink — are also flying off the shelves in the wake of the long, cold winter.

"I think that people are just really



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excited for summer — when you see a hot colour it just reminds you of summer."

Another growing trend, says Heeman, is fairy gardening.

"It's the idea of creating a garden for fairies," he explains, with small, slow-growing plants and miniatures used to create whimsical, scaled-down scenes.

Gardening in containers is also a burgeoning trend, so much so that the Halifax Seed Company in Nova Scotia has devoted an entire retail section to the practice.

Company spokeswoman Emily Tregunno chalks it up to the blossoming grow-your-own-food movement.

"Any way you can grow it is kind of what people are doing," says Tregunno.

"So for people who just have a balcony they're using containers and window boxes and stuff like that to be able to grow what they can on their own."

"It's just a smaller version of a garden," says Sylvia Hammoud, a salesperson from Springbank Garden Centre in London, Ont., about the explosion in container gardening.

Hammoud says the movement is likely a product of people moving into apartments or homes with smaller backyards.

"(It's) for people who aren't avid gardeners but just want to have some flowers or want to have some vegetables," she says.

— Gordon Omand



GROW-YOUR-OWN ALWAYS COMMON

Every year sees new fads, but sometimes earlier trends stick around. One such not-so-temporary trend is the 100-metre, grow-it-yourself movement.

Reasons for its popularity include safety, flavour and increased connectivity to one's food.

While it is unclear when a trend becomes a fixture, the grow-your-own movement is unlikely to wither and die anytime soon.

Some ideas to turn your patio into an outdoor living room

When it comes to creating an inviting and comfortable outdoor space for your guests, there's one rule that stands out among the rest: treat it with the same care and eye for detail that you treat your indoor spaces. Keeping in mind of course, unexpected downpours, rougher terrain and (let's face it) rowdier goings on. Adding these key all-weather pieces will have your balcony or patio party-ready at all times.

A portable bar cart

Modernists tend to eschew wicker for clean-lined metals and woods, but this bamboo-inspired bar cart, hand-woven

in black resin wicker over powder-coated aluminum is the best of both worlds. The top tray even lifts off so you can go from rolling to serving without skipping a beat. \$399, crateandbarrel.ca



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Designer Brian Gluckstein is adamant that an outdoor table setting should be just as beautiful

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Spring is in the air and longtime gardeners are busy bringing their green thumbs out of hibernation.

But for first-timers tillers, starting a garden can be a daunting prospect.

Fortunately, there are a few tried-and-true basics to keep in mind for budding growers looking to break new ground.

"Start small" is the advice from Emily Tregunno of the Halifax Seed Company.

"It can be a lot of work to maintain a garden bed," she says, adding beginners shouldn't be afraid to ask for advice.

"The best days to go to a garden centre ... (are) first thing in the morning on a rainy day," says Tregunno.

"You'll be able to get all the attention you need."

According to Tim Hines, one common faux pas committed by overeager neophytes is put-

ting the plant before the plot/pot.

"Don't scrimp on your soil," says the 35-year gardening guru who works as a manager at Farmer's Best in Halifax.

"That's the key — things will grow in a real good soil."

Will Heeman is a third-generation veteran at Heeman's garden centre in London, Ont., who self-admittedly "grew up in the peat moss pile." He advises newbies to grow what they know.

"If you're going out there and you know that you like tomatoes, grow some tomatoes," says Heeman.

Another tip from Heeman: Snap a pic.

"Everyone's got a smartphone these days," he says, encouraging gardeners to take a picture of where they intend to plant in morning, afternoon and evening light, to show sun exposure at different times of the day.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Here are a few tips for cleaning up your existing garden for the new growing season:

Housekeeping: get rid of detritus, rake away any remaining dead annuals, cut back the perennials and remove the winter mulch covering

Re-energize: infuse the soil with fresh minerals and nutrients, ideally with a compost topdressing

Maintenance: investigate whether your garden infrastructure needs any work — that's easier looked after before planting.

His final piece of advice: "Green side up."

"Have some fun — put the roots in the ground and keep the green side up," says Heeman. "Gardening is an art and not a science."

— Gordon Omand

Broaden your flower palette with these bright buds

The best part about visiting a local garden centre or nursery at this time of year is to check out what's new and exciting. Plant breeders are continuously experimenting with colour, texture and hardiness to bring gardeners unique options. Add these two to your garden list.

PC Scent First Coral Reef Dianthus

The festive, frilly pink blooms of this Dianthus look as though they've been lightly dipped in white paint — and apparently they have a spicy scent, too. The grey-blue foliage is equally eye-catching. These sun lovers will make a vibrant addition to your container plantings or

as showstoppers in the garden.

Paeonia (Berry Garcia)

The fluffy blooms on this hardy, peachy pink Itoh peony hybrid are heavy, so be sure to provide some plant support before they collapse under their own weight. Cut stems short for indoor bouquets. Dig these peonies into a spot that enjoys full sun behind your shorter plants. Better yet, give them a spot to shine all on their own.

Rio Dipladenia

These plants, available in vibrant shades of red and pink, love to bask in the sun

— they're tropical, after all. But they're also cold-tolerant, so they'll survive in unpredictable summer weather. Under the soil, dipladenias have tubers (much like potatoes) that store water, so they won't get as thirsty as other plants. Include in your hanging baskets or containers for a display of showy blooms.

PC Gigantico Dahlia

You'll want to stake the stalks of these sunny flowers as they can reach 24 inches tall! Place these in your cutting garden or to provide a backdrop for shorter plants.

— Tara Nolan



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Create a backyard oasis with colours

Outdoor couches offer more comfort in the sun

Preparing for the summer season is one of the best things about spring.

The sun is out and it's time to start living outdoors, and the best way to relax in your backyard is by creating a cosy haven with relaxing furniture.

"It seems that the decks (people) are building out back are typically more spacious than they've ever been," said Rolfe Denda with

The Table & Chair Company in London, Ont. "Outdoor living is now really outdoor living, you're moving indoors out in the summer months."

Bring some vibrancy to your patio or deck with a splash of colour to compliment the blooms in your garden, or go with Earth tones like an ocean blue to instill a sense of calm in your backyard oasis.

There are a multitude of choices out there from the simple but comfortable Adirondack chairs to elegant outdoor dining. Put away the fold-up camp chairs, and instead consider adding deep seating (outdoor couches), perfect for curling up like a cat in the sunshine.

And while it's tempting to go cheap, Denda said there's a price to be paid for low-quality patio furniture.

"The box store mentality is starting to wane on people, it's a quality issue," he said.

Homeowners are getting tired of cheap patio sets which only last a season or two before the cushions fade or the frames break. Denda said there are all kinds of higher



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quality materials out there which make for longer-lasting patio furniture. And many of the higher quality products have warranties of at least 10 years.

"You can get quality steel, aluminum frames, welded aluminum frames, UV protected embedded wicker, and recycled plastic is popular as well," Denda said.

Michelle Karn with Lighthouse.com in Dartmouth sells patio furniture made out of recycled milk jugs. It might seem a little

strange at first, but this kind of recycled plastic furniture makes a lot of sense, beyond being good to the Earth.

They won't fade and they won't need to be painted in a few years like their wooden counterparts, she said.

"People really love it because in our coastal climate, they don't need refinishing or repainting. They're very heavy so if there's a strong wind they shouldn't move on your deck," Karn said.

— Jennifer Taplin

TAKE CARE OF PATIO FURNITURE

Just like your car, patio furniture needs attention throughout the winter months.

Denda said covering up the patio furniture and keeping it clean will make it last much longer.

"The more you take care of it, the better it's going to treat you and the longer it's going to last," Denda said.

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Kerr spurns Big Apple for Bay Area

The Golden State Warriors have won the bidding war with the New York Knicks for Steve Kerr.

Kerr agreed to a five-year, \$25-million deal on Wednesday, his agent Mike Tannenbaum said.

Kerr was in talks with the Knicks after Phil Jackson took over as team president. He won three titles playing for Jackson in Chicago and another two with Gregg Popovich in San Antonio, but has never been a head coach.

Kerr replaces Mark Jackson, who was fired by the Warriors on May 6 after three seasons and back-to-back playoff appearances.

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NBA

Van Gundy hired to pump Pistons back into playoffs

The Detroit Pistons are counting on Stan Van Gundy to bring some much-needed stability to a struggling franchise.

They're certainly giving him plenty of authority.

The Pistons officially announced Van Gundy's hiring Wednesday as their new coach and president of basketball operations.

Detroit went 29-53 last season, missing the playoffs for a fifth straight year. That was the end of Joe Dumars' tenure as team president. Coach Maurice Cheeks was fired in February.

Van Gundy agreed to a \$35 million, five-year contract. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Canadiens' Max Pacioretty celebrates his goal past Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask with teammates P.K. Subban, Brendan Gallagher and Josh Gorges in Boston on Wednesday. ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Habs cap successful spring bear hunt

NHL playoffs.

Canadiens triumphant over Bruins in Game 7

Max Pacioretty scored the winner midway through the second period and Carey Price stopped 29 shots as the upstart Montreal Canadiens defeated Boston 3-1 in Game 7 on Wednesday to oust the league-leading Bruins from the playoffs.

The Canadiens started fast and then stymied the Bruins, winners of the Presidents' Trophy for the best regular-season

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record, to advance to the Eastern Conference final against the New York Rangers.

"It's definitely a special team and if we didn't know it before the playoffs, we definitely know it now," said Pacioretty.

Dale Weise and Daniel

Briere, with a late power-play goal, also scored for Montreal.

Jarome Iginla's goal, which cut the Canadiens' lead to 2-1 with 2:08 remaining in the second, set the scene for a dramatic third period. The black and gold faithful hoped for yet another Bruins comeback.

They almost got their wish early in the third when Iginla, pouncing on a rare Price rebound, hit the post. Boston came on but the Canadiens held fast and Price, improving his record in elimination games in 2014 to 5-0 including the Olympics, was rock-solid with a disciplined team defending in

front of him.

The late Boston surge was not helped by a Johnny Boychuk penalty for interference with 4:31 remaining. Montreal scored on the ensuing power play when Briere's centring pass bounced in off Zdeno Chara's skate at 18:07 to pad the lead to 3-1.

Montreal killed off a late interference penalty to Andrei Markov — and a 6-on-4 Boston opportunity — to seal the win.

"Respect, you've got to earn it and I think tonight those guys earned it," said Canadiens coach Michel Therrien.

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Heat tear through Nets and into East final



LeBron James celebrates with Heat fans after eliminating the Nets from the playoffs on Wednesday night in Miami. MIKE EHRLMANN/GETTY IMAGES

This trip to the Eastern Conference finals did not come easily for Miami.

Down by eight with less than five minutes left, after trailing for virtually the entire game, the Heat found a way nonetheless to finish off the Brooklyn Nets and move into the NBA's final four for the fourth straight season.

Ray Allen's three-pointer with 32 seconds left highlighted a huge Miami rally, and the Heat beat the Nets 96-94 in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on

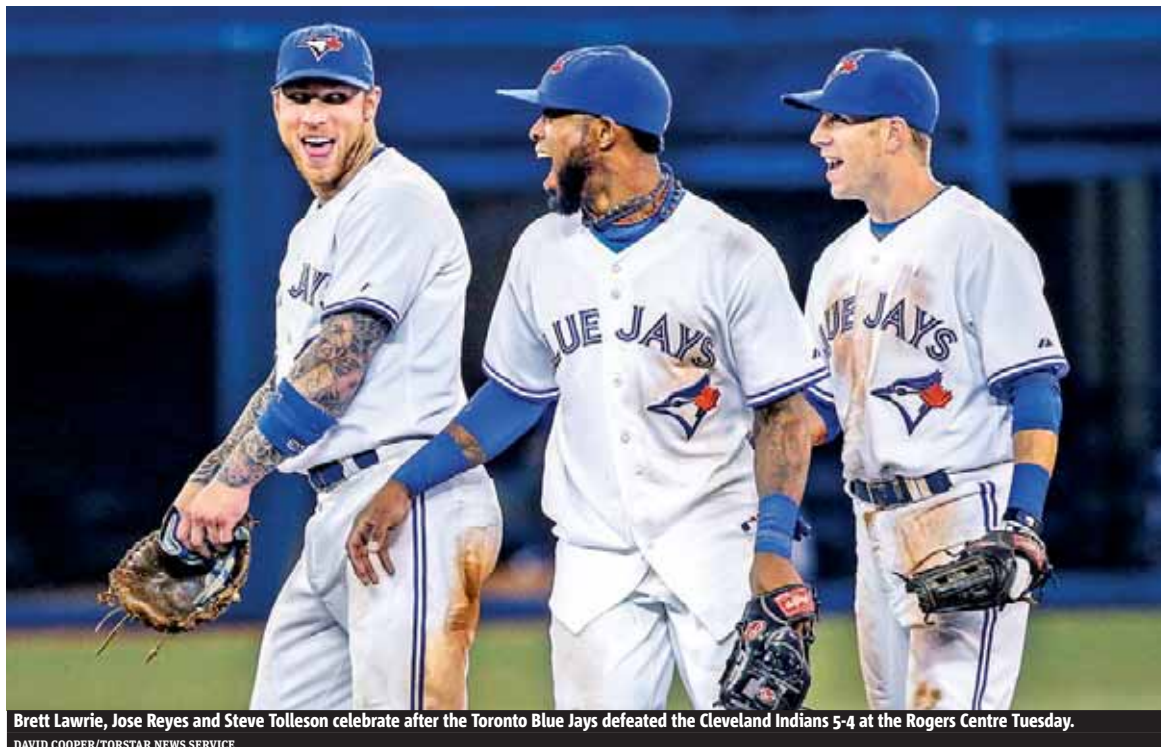
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Wednesday night. The Heat won the series 4-1, improving to 9-0 at home in chances to close out series over the last four seasons.

LeBron James scored 29

points and Dwyane Wade added 28 for the Heat, with Chris Bosh scoring 16 and Allen finishing with 13. James made one of two free throws with 9.5 seconds left to put the Heat up by two, and the Nets almost failed to get a potentially game-tying shot off after Paul Pierce lost it out of bounds, but it stayed with Brooklyn after replay.

And the Nets still couldn't get a shot away: Allen knocked it away from Joe Johnson as he made his move, and time expired. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Brett Lawrie, Jose Reyes and Steve Tolleson celebrate after the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Cleveland Indians 5-4 at the Rogers Centre Tuesday.

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Average may just be the new exceptional

Mediocre Jays in a (at the moment) mediocre division. Despite a 20-21 record, Toronto has a shot in the American League East

The Toronto Blue Jays have had mediocre results over the first quarter of the season along with the rest of the teams in the American League East.

Instead of looking up at the contenders, the Blue Jays are right in the mix. They appear to have as good a shot as any club

at contending in what is normally one of the toughest divisions in Major League Baseball.

"We're not necessarily where we want to be, but we're within striking distance with the venom to be able to make a run at it," said Blue Jays starter R.A. Dickey.

The Blue Jays have a pedestrian 20-21 record after 41 games, but that still has them afloat in a division that is weaker than usual. Baltimore, which is in top spot at 20-18, is followed by three teams — Toronto, New York (20-19) and Boston (19-19).

The Orioles have a lead of just a 1/2 game, with only 3 1/2

games separating first place from the last-place Tampa Bay Rays (18-23).

Toronto's offence has shown plenty of pop this season but the bullpen has had some trouble keeping leads. There have been a few injury concerns over the first six weeks but there is still a feeling the team can get the results it wants.

"I think last year we were a .500 team that was lucky to be .500. This year I feel like we're a .500 team that should be five or six games over," Dickey said Wednesday at a promotional event in Toronto's west end. "That's a whole different feeling. If we can stay healthy and

if we can pitch — and those are two big ifs — I think we're going to be in it at the very end and have an opportunity to give this city what it's longed for 21 years."

The Blue Jays haven't made the post-season since 1993 after winning the second of back-to-back World Series titles.

General manager Alex Anthopoulos overhauled the roster before the 2013 campaign but the team struggled to a 74-88 mark. He kept the tinkering to a minimum in the last off-season but it's too early to say whether that was the right approach.

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MLB. Cleveland tees off on Blue Jays

Dustin McGowan's struggles at home continued and the Toronto Blue Jays bullpen offered him no support in a 15-4 loss to the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday night.

The Toronto right-handed pitcher was touched-up for four runs in four-plus innings, including a two-run home run by Carlos Santana as the Blue Jays (20-21) had a modest two-game win streak snapped.

McGowan and the Toronto

bullpen were getting pounded so badly that manager John Gibbons brought in utility infielder Steve Tolleson to get the final out of the Indians' six-run ninth inning.

David Murphy was 5 for 6 with five runs batted in and Lonnie Chisenhall was 5 for 6 with an RBI as Cleveland (19-21) had 22 hits off for five different Toronto pitchers before 14,068 fans at Rogers Centre.

Former Blue Jay Yan Gomes

had a three-run homer in the Cleveland onslaught.

McGowan (2-2), making his eighth start of the season, gave up a run in each of the second and fourth innings before being chased by three straight hits, including Santana's two-run blast, in the fifth.

McGowan is now 0-2 with 16 earned runs in 15-2/3 innings over four starts at the Rogers Centre this season.

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NHL. Shanny bringing rare patient perspective to Leafs

Brendan Shanahan came to the Maple Leafs as an agent of change at a time of deep despair within Toronto's fan base.

If the new team president has changed anything, it is a sudden ability to stay the course. And the patient approach is a very new, almost radical — if currently unpopular — notion for the Maple Leafs.

The coach, Randy Carlyle, didn't get fired after that trainwreck of a season. He got a two-year extension. The captain, Dion Phaneuf, will retain his C, despite a perceived lack of leadership within a room that has collapsed twice in the last three seasons.

The Maple Leafs, under Shanahan, are no longer a change-for-the-sake-of-change kind of team.

"Some want big sweeping changes," said Shanahan, who visited Torstar News Service reporters on Wednesday. "If



Maple Leafs president Brendan Shanahan TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

there is a deal or a decision to be made that is considered big and sweeping, and it's a good decision, we'll make decisions we think are right for the club."

As for changing the culture of the team, he said: "It's a thousand little things a thousand different times. That's not something you change in 30 days, or six months, or maybe even a year." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tour of California

B.C.'s Routley takes stage 4

Will Routley of Whistler, B.C., surprised the favoured sprinters by winning stage 4 of the Tour of California on Wednesday, and Bradley Wiggins of Britain retained his race lead for the third day.

Routley (Optum-Kelly Benefit), a former national titlist who was part a six-rider, early race breakaway, completed the 102.6-mile Monterey to Cambria road race in three hours 48 min-

utes 37 seconds.

American Gregory Daniel (Bissell Development) was second and Kevin De Mesmaeker (Team Novo Nordisk) of Belgium was third.

Wiggins (Sky) finished 77 seconds behind the stage winner. He increased his lead to 28 seconds over Rohan Dennis (Garmin-Sharp) of Australia.

The fourth stage took the field along the Pacific Coast. The leaders broke from the field early and maintained their advantage throughout the day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ulissi bursts for stage win

The pack begins the fifth stage of the Giro d'Italia, leaving Taranto, Italy, for Viggiano, Italy, on Wednesday. A powerful final burst from Diego Ulissi helped the Italian cyclist win the stage while Australian rider Michael Matthews retained the overall leader's pink jersey. Ulissi came from behind with 150 metres to go to cross the line solo at the end of the 203-kilometre leg. FABIO FERRARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Dustin McGowan had another rough start at the Rogers Centre on Wednesday night. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

People respond better to charm than to threats, so use the power of Venus in your sign to work your way around their defenses. You need to know when to exert pressure and when to stand back.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There may be a clash of wills today but at least it will remind certain people that just because you're a nice guy does not mean you are a pushover.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You won't be short of friends today, tomorrow and over the weekend as Mercury, your ruler, links with Venus, planet of harmony. What you do with others will be more enjoyable than what you do by yourself.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It's OK to be forceful but sometimes you push too hard and turn people off. That should not be a problem today though as you find new ways to get along with work colleagues.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

No matter how many things have gone wrong in your life recently your luck will change for the better today. Actually luck has little to do with it. It's your attitude that creates your world. Start smiling!

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Make it a priority to kiss and make up with someone you fell out with a while back. Most likely you are genuinely sorry you got angry about something that, with hindsight, looks absurdly trivial.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Let the people you feel closest to know how much you need them and appreciate them and love them. Anyone who thinks Libras lack emotion will have no choice but to think again over the next 24 hours.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You could fall out with a work colleague. It's OK to fight your corner, of course, but be sure that you are right and they are wrong. If there's any doubt it might be wise to back off.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You seem more relaxed about life and affairs of the heart. You also seem a lot less concerned with what others think about what you are doing. If it feels right to you, carry on.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

All sorts of opportunities are opening up for you but they will be a lot more fun if you invite family and friends to join you on your journey. Make sure what you do for yourself you do also for the people care for.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Someone new will come into your life today. Is it a true love match or is it just a passing fancy? You may not know for sure until later in the year but if it's making you smile now it can't be all bad. Enjoy!

Pisces

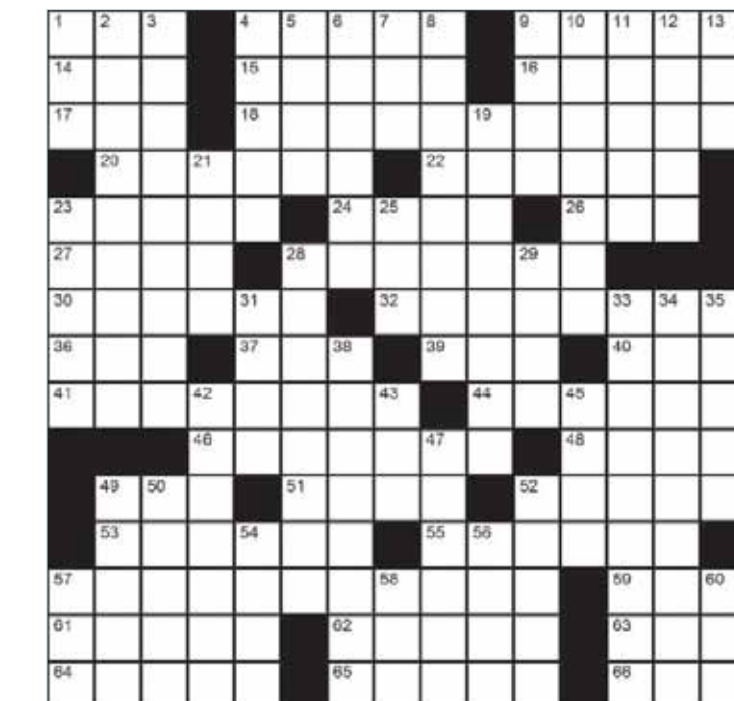
Feb. 20 - March 20

Business affairs will go better today if you turn on the charm and let would-be partners know you are happy to work with them. There's more than enough profit to go around, so don't be greedy. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Between G-J keyboard letter, repeated
- Groups, briefly
- Poet's 'close by'
- Ghoul's cry!
- Swift descent
- British singer Emeli
- Internet's 'incidentally'
- 1969 Guess Who album: 2 wds.
- Picasso's fashionable daughter
- Smooth
- Sacha Baron Cohen character
- Pop __ (Archie Comics character)
- Hillary Clinton was a Sen. here
- Solar deity, variantly
- Continue: 2 wds.
- Get married: 3 wds.
- Canadian singer Victoria (See #57-Across for more!)
- '90s judge Lance
- Mr. Waxman's
- Radio output, briefly
- ___-disant (Self-styled)
- Rice alternative
- Escalate: 2 wds.
- Shrines
- Skating great Ms. Thomas
- Oklahoma city
- Glow



- Actress Dianna
- Hair dryer brand
- Boucherville 'boat'
- Line in #32-Across' new single "More Than Friends" that's quite fitting for a crossword: "We fit together like a ___."
- Utmost degree

- Rob
- Doesn't ___ expected (Finishes in a stunning way)
- Energy
- Brains
- Posh 'no'
- Years: French

Down

- Fireplace shelf
- Passing-an-object

- quickly game: 2 wds.
- "What's new?": 3 wds.
- Tie type
- Used the pool
- Piano piece
- ___ sequitur
- Range
- "...___ forgive those who trespass..."
- NWT: ___ National

- Park Reserve
- Hostile human
- All in ___ work
- Former mil. General's abbr.
- "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" (1974) star Richard
- Ms. O'Grady
- General

- 'Dull' suffix
- ___Britannique (Pacific province, in French)
- "The Pride ___ Louis" (1952)
- Fish kind
- Jazz singer Ms. Spalding
- Christian __ (Red-soled shoes luxury brand)
- Use, as party platter sauce: 2 wds.
- Dog or cat (or bird, hamster, etc.) for a comic book caped hero type: 2 wds.
- Poem parts
- Mid-'70s kidnappers
- Fringe
- In-a-military-unit war correspondents
- Intense
- Twelve
- "Time is ___ of trouble..." - Emily Dickinson
- Ballet move, Pas ___
- Open ___ of worms
- Letter-writer's li'l afterthoughts
- Magician's name suffix
- Some printers, e.g.

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Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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